

# SOCIETY

The social season in Richmond will open with a real swing this week, when several functions will be given in honor of the debutantes set. The winter promises to be a brilliant one, and already there is a full calendar of pretty dinners and teas, with a succession of balls and informal affairs, enough to gladden the heart of any debutante. The group of girls to be presented to society this season is a genuinely charming one and includes twenty-three lovely young girls, for whom a deal of interesting affairs have been planned.

Last spring a woman with heart and soul as beautiful as her exquisite face, came to a club here and read from a volume of her poetry. She was all youth and charm and rare vision, for one simple woman, and her verses were enchanting things. She prefaced one little song of "Golden Shoes" with the remark: "Youth, in spite of all its elders can say, loves to wear its best in all weathers." The golden shoes, she said, were the rightful heritage of all youth and a true and happy outlook upon life, which belonged to every one. As she read the melody of her verse and the charm of her voice were like some subtle spell—and you looked across the sea of faces, past the speaker in her quaint gown, into the years of a New Day, when all youth will wear its golden shoes of purity and truth and faith in God, away from the mire and treacherous bog of "anything for a good time." Youth is so precious and beautiful, and the days of their life such delicate, gossamer things, never to be sold by carelessness, even though sometimes dulled by the storms that come to every life. Ever the golden shoes of purity and truth and faith in things eternal, for the fairy tale of the girl whose soul will presently grow to womanhood. "Youth, in spite of all its elders can say, loves to wear its best in all weathers," the woman with the beautiful heart and the beautiful face said in her song. But one does not soil what is precious and beautiful with mire, that was the rest of the song. Storm may come and dim and dull the golden shoes, but one does not deliberately wear them into mire and muck.

The debutantes who are to make their formal bow to Richmond society this season include:

Miss Mary Mason Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deane Williams; Miss Julia Wickham, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Ashby Wickham, of Lorraine; Miss Anne Brockenhough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Brockenhough; Miss Lila Ambler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholas Ambler; Miss Martha Mary Hoadley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoadley; Miss Maria Ward Skelton Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Williams; Miss Mary James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. B. James; Miss Sene Burton Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maud Burton; Miss Elizabeth Cecil, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Cecil; Miss Ruth Nelson Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gordon; Miss Grace Shepherd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Branch Cabell; Miss Susan Johnston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnston; Miss Dorothy Robbins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins; Miss Jane Sealer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wellington Cobb; Miss Virginia Donnan, daughter of Mrs. Allan Donnan; Miss Penelope Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. St. George Anderson; Miss Elizabeth Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Warren; Miss Elizabeth Witt, daughter of Mr. Samuel B. Witt; Miss Elizabeth Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Patterson; Miss Ruby Vaughan Bigger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haskins Bigger; Miss Sarah Caperton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford R. Caperton; Miss Elizabeth Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Robertson; Miss Virginia Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wallace.

Wednesday of this week will be observed as the annual Day for the Belle Bryan Day Nursery. The institution is one that makes a wide appeal to the sympathy and interest of the Richmond people, because it is a nursery. It is a place where mothers may leave their children in kindly, careful hands, and go out to their daily work without fear of injury or harm to the little ones, which they are obliged to leave in order to support. They need money badly—who does not? They ask the aid of the public on their leg day this week with more than an urgent emphasis. One does not need to be told that harm will come to little children not properly cared for in the absence of watchful eyes; one does not need an explanation of the great work of the nursery—only give what you can spare, only divide the little you have, with love and a blessing. That is all they need.

Two debutante affairs are planned for Saturday. In the afternoon, Mrs. Edloe Donnan, Jr., will give the first debutante tea of the season, at the Country Club, in honor of her sister, Miss Virginia Donnan. Only the buds of the season will be included in the invitations. The same evening Mrs. Robert Nelson Pollard is entertaining the debutantes and their escorts at dinner at the Country Club in honor of her debutante niece, Miss Nanette Ford. There will be the usual informal hop at the club Saturday evening.

An important society wedding of the week is the wedding of Miss Ellen Wise Oppenheimer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. St. Julian Oppenheimer, and Randolph Grayson Dashiell, son of Mrs. L. R. Dashiell. The ceremony will take place Saturday evening at 6 o'clock in St. Paul's Church.

BRENT WITT.

Luncheon November 19.

Another interesting function planned for the debutante set, is the buffet luncheon to be given on Saturday afternoon, November 19, at 2 o'clock by Mrs. Franklin H. Agnew

and her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Mann, at their home, 2994 Monument Avenue. The affair is in honor of three of the season's buds, Misses Ruth Gordon, Dorothy Robins and Elizabeth Cecil, and the guests will be limited to the debutantes of the winter and their escorts.

James for Miss James.

November 16 is the date for the dance to be given by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. B. James, of 1603 Hanover Avenue, in honor of their debutante daughter, Miss Mary James. The dance will take place at the Country Club of Virginia and the guests will include the debutante set.

Parts for "Merry Whirl."

James D. Patton, Jr., will take the part of Haroun-Al-Raschid, the king of "The Merry Whirl," the Arabian Nights extravaganza to be given for the benefit of the Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association at the Academy of Music under the general chairmanship of Mrs. C. O. B. Cowardin. This big music-feast of fascinating dances, brilliant costumes and spectacular scenery will run for five nights and a matinee, beginning November 29, and although the chaperons for all the dances have not yet been determined it is decided that Mrs. Croxton Gordon will have charge of the Follies and that Mrs. Robert Peggam will be responsible for the swing dance, while Mrs. Joseph P. Fourqurean is to assemble those who are to comprise the skating dance. Each of these women will have an assistant, for every dance is to have two chaperons, one of whom is expected to attend each rehearsal. It is planned that the entire cast will be assembled shortly, for all must be in readiness by October 25, when Miss Lila Stewart arrives in the city to supervise rehearsals, which will then begin immediately. All the costumes will come from New York and those who saw the same ensembles when it was given in Norfolk last winter declare that never before had a Virginia audience seen anything so beautiful or so thoroughly artistic.

Members of the executive committee who are helping Mrs. Cowardin are Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Sam Cohen, Mrs. J. Scott Parrish, Mrs. Walter W. Morton, Mrs. James J. Hickey, and Mrs. Henry Carrington. The dances for the first half of the program are under Mrs. J. St. George Bryan and the second half are in charge of Mrs. B. Stewart Hume.

Fairbank-Gunnell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gunnell announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann, to William Field Fairbank, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Fairbank, also of Richmond. The wedding will take place in November.

St. Stephen's Annual Luncheon.

The Guild of Saint Stephen's Church will hold its annual luncheon on Saturday, October 29, from 1 until 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Thomas W. Purcell on the "Three Chopt Road." This luncheon is always one of the important social events of the fall season.

Mrs. Lewis Williams, Mrs. Thomas L. Moore, Mrs. William M. Hamilton, Mrs. M. C. Patterson, Mrs. John J. Patterson and Miss Ellen Wallace compose the entertainment committee, and they have planned many attractive features for this luncheon. Pretty girls will serve at the tables, and the decorations will be carried out in autumn flowers.

Eppe—Gaines.

A pretty wedding of the past week was that of Miss Margaret Eleanor Gaines, daughter of Mrs. George DeCatur Gaines, and Edward Mitchell Eppe, Jr., which was celebrated yesterday evening at 8 o'clock in Grace Street Baptist Church, Dr. W. W. Weeks performing the ceremony. The church was banked with palms, tall lighted candles and white chrysanthemums, and Miss Florence Nicoler rendered the wedding music. The groom, who is vice-president of the Carter-Venable Co., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell Eppe, also of Richmond.

The bride entered the church with her brother, Leonard Merton Gaines, who gave her in marriage. Her wedding gown was an exquisite affair of white crepe satin, finished with Chantilly lace and made with a long court train. Her veil of tulle was arranged with orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and swansonia. Miss Horry Eppe, who was maid of honor, wore a costume of peach-colored crepe satin and sequins and carried an armful of Russell roses. John N. Buck attended the groom as best man. The bridesmaids included: Miss Virginia Price, who wore a frock of pale blue tulle, and Miss Ernestine Hatcher, who was gown in lavender tulle. They carried similar bouquets of Killarney roses tied with long tulle streamers. Little Margaret Vaiden, who was flower girl, wore a lace frock and carried a basket of rosebuds. The ushers included: Maurice Dickinson, Charles Hardenbergh and James Gilliland.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Eppe. Mr. and Mrs. Eppe left later in the evening for a Northern honeymoon, and on their return will make their home in this city. Guests from a distance attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaines of New York; Mrs. G. C. Dixon and son, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. Price, of Shipman; Miss Laura Price, of Portsmouth; James Gilliland, of Washington; H. English, of Baltimore, and Mrs. S. D. Wainwright.

At the Woman's Club.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. Henry Ayler Sampson will give an author's reading in the auditorium of the Woman's Club. Mrs. Sampson will read from an unpublished manuscript.

Tea will be served in the club drawing-rooms, after the regular program, with the following hostesses: Mesdames Amos Gover, Robert H. Norment, W. J. Payne, Evan R. Chesterton, Louis Hawkins, John D. Clothier, Misses Florence Poppe and Annie Stegar Winston.

Prominent Wedding.

A pretty wedding of the early autumn season was that of Miss Ivaene Jordan Frazer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick L. Frazer, of Spotsylvania, to John Prosser Harrison, Jr., son of J. P. Harrison, of Newport News. The ceremony took place last evening at 7 o'clock, in Berea Church, Spotsylvania. Rev. H. G. Lane, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News, officiating, assisted by Rev. Marshall Wingfield, pastor of the church. The church was decorated with cathedral candles.

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

At

Thalhimer Brothers

BROAD AT FIFTH.

Modes Not to Be Found Everywhere!

An extensive showing of luxurious Suits, Wraps and Dresses for the mornings, afternoons and evenings of our young patronesses who are debutantes or brides this season—and for all women who desire perfect expression of their personalities in the exquisite costuming of their persons. The richest fabrics the world weaves; the dreams of fashion-artists of great renown; the cleverest fingers in all the land—they produced these wonderful clothes for you to wear! We invite you to see our collection of exclusive modes—priced from.....

\$100 to \$350

For the Junior Miss

Her Very Own Dresses

With much care assembled by us for the young miss and the small woman of sizes 14, 15, 16 and 17.

The modes and materials of women's late fashions—but perfect fitting for slim or short figures.

Junior Tailored Frocks

Of the finer wool fabrics—French Serge, Tricotine, Poiret Twill, Moussey, etc. Simplicity that becomes youth for school and business, beautiful elaboration for times which permit it. Some are touched with soft fur.

\$19.50 to \$65.00

Junior Afternoon Frocks

Of Satin, Canton Crepe, Satin-back Crepe, Georgette, Tricotine and Canton Crepe combined, etc.

Graceful, loose Silk Frocks that are really "joyfully young."

\$25.00 to \$59.50

Some flower-like new ones of beautiful Radium Silk, Orchid, Rose, Turquoise, Pink, Jade, Flame and American Beauty—that are extraordinary values at

\$25.00 Each

Others to \$45.00.

Junior Jersey Dresses, \$12.50 to \$29.50.

Junior Middy Suits, \$15.00 Upwards

Thalhimer Brothers, Third Floor.

A Coat of Extra Size?

Yes, madam—dozens of them, so varied that your choice approaches the wide selection the slim miss finds here.

A full line of extra-sized Coats, in beautiful materials, some of them fur trimmed, cut full, but so designed as to slenderize your silhouette—priced at.

\$35.00 to \$125

Thalhimer Brothers, Second Floor.

Touchees That Tell

The accessories to your costumes show the extent of your familiarity with fashion.

The new and correct Bags, Belts, Girdles, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Ribbons, Hosiery, Gloves, Veils, Handkerchiefs and Purses—on display at desirable prices.—Main Floor.

And Priced From \$25 to \$100

Hundreds of Other beautiful and distinctive new Thalhimers modes.

A large and delighting assembly at \$25.00, as well as at \$100.00, and prices between!

SUITS

\$30 Upwards

that invite one out on the golf links—and some that never tire of going to business!

Suits of velvety cloths and furs, so lovely they prohibit description.

COATS

\$25 Upwards

that are plainly tailored, exceedingly practical—but, oh!—so smart.

Furry Wraps that appear to forget everything but new beauty—and yet are wonderfully wearable!

FROCKS

\$25 Upwards

for times when one is on practical things intent.

Dresses for times when one is gayest—a Frock for every time.

Thalhimer Brothers, Second Floor.

The Right Rug Not a Matter of Price!

What you want is, of course, one that harmonizes with the other furnishings of your room. That it is a THALHIMER RUG insures its wearability. Among new, conservatively priced rugs—

Thalhimer Seamless Velvet Rugs

in large room size (9x12 feet), shown in four pleasing, well-toned designs, at.....

\$28.50

NEW ARRIVALS ALSO IN HIGHER-PRICED RUGS.

Thalhimer Brothers, Annex on Fifth.

Duvet de Laine, \$4.00 Yard

A beautiful all-wool material with Duvetyn finish—as lovely as it is durable. Just right weight and warmth. In Zanzibar, Burro, (Malay, Marabou and Marmot (new Brown shades) and in Phe-Needle

Green, Navy and the deep Byzantine Red. 54 inches. All wool, Pre-sponged and shrunk.

Chiffon Velvets

Fashion's choice for the most beautiful Afternoon, Dinner and Evening Gowns. We have a full line of shades.

Cotton Back \$5.50 yd.

All \$8.50 yd.

Silk \$8.50 yd.

We Imported Most of Our Wool Hose Ourselves

And so we were able to choose the best and most beautiful—and present them to you at particularly attractive prices. Note how very complete our line is.

Men's Wool Sports Hose, heavy ribbed, 80c pair.

Men's Imported Silk-and-Wool Hose, \$1.75 to \$2.50 pair.

Men's Scotch Golf Hose, heavy ribbed wool, fancy tops, \$1.55 pair.

Men's Brushed Wool Golf Hose, in heather effects, with fancy tops, \$1.95 pair.

Men's Golf Leggings from Scotland, fancy tops, heavy ribbed, \$1.95 pair.

Men's finest Golf Hose of brushed wool, in Scotch plaids, \$5 and \$6 pair.

Men's Golf Hose of real camels' hair, natural color; heavy ribbed, seamless, \$2.29 pair.

Women's Silk-and-Wool Hose, in heather mixtures, drop-stitch effects, \$2.25 pair.

Women's All-Wool Hose, soft and fine; black, light and dark brown, \$2.75 pair.

Women's Imported All-Wool Hose, heavy ribbed or in Scotch plaid effects, \$4, \$5 and \$6 pair.

Women's Imported Silk-and-Wool Hose, full-fashioned, plain color and two-toned, \$2.75 pair. Clocked, \$3 pair.

Child's Wool Sport Socks, in heather mixtures, \$1.50 pair.

Child's All-Wool Socks, 7½-length, with Scotch plaid tops.

Light weight.....\$1.09 pair

Heavy weight.....\$2.25 to \$2.75 pair

Thalhimer Brothers, Main Floor.

For Warm Night Wear

Plenty of new McCall Patterns for making these materials up into warm night things for children and grown-ups.

Outing, 19c Yard

One of the warmest Outings made. In pretty pajama stripes. 36-inch width.

Beacon Bath-Robe Fleeing, 89c Yard

36-inch Cotton Eiderdown of the famous Beacon manufacture. All the new patterns.

Cord and Frog Sets to Match, 39c Set

Thalhimer Brothers, Basement.

Bath-Robe Material, 45c Yard

Cotton Eiderdown Robing in rich Indian patterns and other beautiful designs. 27 inches.

Kimono Flannelettes, 29c Yard

We have 20 pretty new patterns in this—wonderfully toned, all colors.

Thalhimer Brothers

BROAD AT FIFTH.